

question. Accordingly, entry of this Response, and the Joint Declaration accompanying same is respectfully requested at least for purposes of appeal.

With respect to the rejection of the claims currently pending in this application which have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) or 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as set forth in the Office Action of April 6, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration for allowance of the claims currently pending for the reasons set forth in the Amendment filed on September 30, 2005.

A Supplemental Declaration for reissue patent application executed by both inventors is enclosed with this Response.

Applicants have made a further diligent effort to advance the prosecution of this application by presenting herewith a new Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.131 which, taken alone or in combination with the Declarations identified hereinabove, is verily believed to overcome the Hartung et al. reference.

A Notice of Appeal is filed concurrently herewith.

Reconsideration for allowance of the claims currently pending in this application is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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